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We claim:

- 1 1. Lubricants for drilling fluid systems comprising a dispersion 2 comprising at least one fatty acid soap comprising at least one alkali metal having a 3 valence of 1, said fatty acid soap being dispersed in a carrier fluid.
- The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said alkali metal is selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium, and combinations thereof.
- 1 3. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said alkali metal are selected from 2 the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, and combinations thereof.
 - 4. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following general structure:
- 4 R-COOH

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- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups

 having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from

 about 0 to about 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.
- The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises
 monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic
 acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following general structure:
- 4 R-COOH
- wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups

 having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from

 about 0 to about 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.
 - 6. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises

2	monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic		
3	acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following general structure:		
4	R-COOH		
5	wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups		
6	having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from		
7	about 0 to about 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.		
1	7. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises		
2	monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic		
3	acid and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having the following general structure:		
4	R-COOH		
5	wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups		
6	having from about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from		
7	about 0 to about 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.		
1	8. The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises		
2	monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic		
3	acid and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having the following general structure:		
4	R-COOH		
5	wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups		
6	having from about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from		
7	about 0 to about 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.		
1	9. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises		
2	monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic		
3	acid and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having the following general structure:		
4	R-COOH		

- 5 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups
- 6 having from about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from
- 7 about 0 to about 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.

- 1 10. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said fatty acid is derived from a 2 material selected from the group consisting of animal fats and vegetable fats.
- 1 11. The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said fatty acid is derived from a
 2 material selected from the group consisting of animal fats and vegetable fats.
 - 12. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said fatty acid is derived from a material selected from the group consisting of animal fats and vegetable fats.
 - 13. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic acids, palmitic acids, myristic acids, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil, cotton-seed oil, rice oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations thereof.
 - 14. The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic acids, myristic acids, palmitic acids, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil, cotton-seed oil, rice oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations thereof.
 - 15. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic acids, palmitic acids, myristic acids, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil, cotton-seed oil, rice oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations thereof.

- 1 16. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said fatty acid of said fatty acid soap
- 2 is selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid, and myristic acids.
- 1 The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said fatty acid of said fatty acid soap
- 2 is selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid, and myristic acids.
- 1 18. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said fatty acid of said fatty acid soap
- 2 is selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid, and myristic acids.
- 1 19. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 glycols.
- 1 20. The lubricants of claim 18 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 glycols.
- 1 21. The lubricants of claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 22. The lubricants of claim 2 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 23. The lubricants of claim 3 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 24. The lubricants of claim 18 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 25. The lubricants of claim 21 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 26. The lubricants of claim 25 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.

1 27. The lubricants of claim 22 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is

- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 28. The lubricants of claim 27 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 29. The lubricants of claim 23 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 30. The lubricants of claim 29 wherein said number average molecular
- weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 31. The lubricants of claim 24 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 32. The lubricants of claim 31 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 33. Lubricants for drilling fluid systems comprising a dispersion
- 2 comprising at least one fatty acid soap comprising lithium, said fatty acid soap being
- 3 dispersed in a carrier fluid.
- 1 34. The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises
- 2 monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic
- acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following general structure:

4		R-COOH	
5	wherein R is	selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups	
6	having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from		
7	about 0 to ab	out 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.	
1	35.	The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises	
2	monocarboxy	ylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated monocarboxylic	
3	acid and unsa	aturated monocarboxylic acid having the following general structure:	
4		R-COOH	
5	wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups		
6	having from	about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from	
7	about 0 to ab	out 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.	
1	36.	The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises fatty	
2	acid derived from a material selected from the group consisting of animal fats and		
3	vegetable fats	S.	
1	37.	The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said fatty acid soap comprises a	
2	fatty acid sele	ected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic acids,	
3	palmitic acid	s, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil, cotton-	
4	seed oil, rice	oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations thereof.	
1	38.	The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said fatty acid of said fatty acid	
2	soap is selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid, and myristic		
3	acid.		
1	39.	The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said carrier comprises one or more	
2	glycols.		

The lubricants of claim 38 wherein said carrier comprises one or more

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- 2 glycols.
- 1 41. The lubricants of claim 33 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 42. The lubricants of claim 41 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 43. The lubricants of claim 42 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 44. The lubricants of claim 38 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 45. The lubricants of claim 44 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 46. The lubricants of claim 45 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 47. Lubricants for drilling fluid systems comprising a dispersion
- 2 comprising at least one alkali metal having a valence of 1 and stearate dispersed in a
- 3 carrier fluid.
- 1 48. The lubricants of claim 47 wherein said alkali metal is selected from
- 2 the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium, and
- 3 combinations thereof.
- 1 49. The lubricants of claim 47 wherein said alkali metal are selected from

- 2 the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, and combinations thereof.
- 1 50. The lubricants of claim 47 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 glycols.
- 1 51. The lubricants of claim 49 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 glycols.
- The lubricants of claim 47 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 53. The lubricants of claim 52 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 54. The lubricants of claim 53 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 55. The lubricants of claim 49 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 56. The lubricants of claim 55 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 57. The lubricants of claim 56 wherein said number average molecular
- weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 58. Lubricants for drilling fluid systems comprising a dispersion
- 2 comprising lithium stearate dispersed in a carrier fluid.
- 1 59. The lubricants of claim 58 wherein said carrier comprises one or more

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- 2 glycols.
- 1 60. The lubricants of claim 58 wherein said carrier comprises one or more
- 2 water soluble glycol ether.
- 1 61. The lubricants of claim 60 wherein said water soluble glycol ether is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol ethers, polyethylene glycol
- 3 ethers and polypropylene glycol ethers having a number average molecular weight of
- 4 about 2000 or less, and combinations thereof.
- 1 62. The lubricants of claim 61 wherein said number average molecular
- 2 weight is about 1000 or less.
- 1 63. A drilling fluid system comprising a dispersion comprising at least one
- 2 fatty acid soap comprising at least one alkali metal having a valence of 1, said fatty
- 3 acid soap being dispersed in a continuous phase of said drilling fluid system in a
- 4 quantity effective to form a coherent lubricating film on metal surfaces exposed to
- 5 said dispersion.
- 1 64. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said alkali metal is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium,
- 3 and combinations thereof.
- 1 65. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said alkali metal are
- 2 selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, and combinations
- 3 thereof.
- 1 66. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said fatty acid soap
- 2 comprises monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated
- 3 monocarboxylic acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following
- 4 general structure:

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5 R-COOH

6 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups

7 having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from

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8 about 0 to about 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.

1 67. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said fatty acid soap

comprises monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated

monocarboxylic acid and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having the following

4 general structure:

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5 R-COOH

6 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups

7 having from about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from

8 about 0 to about 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.

- 1 68. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said fatty acid soap
- 2 comprises fatty acid derived from a material selected from the group consisting of
- 3 animal fats and vegetable fats.
- 1 69. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said fatty acid soap
- 2 comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic
- acids, palmitic acids, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil,
- 4 cotton-seed oil, rice oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations
- 5 thereof.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said fatty acid soap
- 2 comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid,
- 3 and myristic acid.
- 1 71. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said quantity is from

- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 72. The drilling fluid system of claim 63 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 70 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 74. The drilling fluid system of claim 70 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 63 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 75 where said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 75 wherein said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combination thereof.
- The drilling fluid system of claim 75 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 79. A drilling fluid system comprising a dispersion comprising at least one
- 2 fatty acid soap comprising lithium, said fatty acid soap being dispersed in a
- 3 continuous phase of said fluid system in a quantity effective to form a coherent
- 4 lubricating film on metal surfaces exposed to said dispersion.
- 1 80. The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said fatty acid soap
- 2 comprises monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated
- 3 monocarboxylic acids and unsaturated monocarboxylic acids having the following

4	general structure:		
5	R-COOH		
6	wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups		
7	having from about 10 to about 28 carbon atoms, said alkenyl groups comprising from		
8	about 0 to about 4 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.		
1	81. The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said fatty acid soap		
2	comprises monocarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of saturated		
3	monocarboxylic acid and unsaturated monocarboxylic acid having the following		
4	general structure:		

R-COOH

about 0 to about 2 unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds.

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and alkenyl groups

comprises fatty acid derived from a material selected from the group consisting of

comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of tall oil fatty acids, stearic

acids, palmitic acids, oleic acids, and fatty acids derived from castor oil, coconut oil,

cotton-seed oil, rice oil, soybean oil, lard oil, rosin acids, tall oils, and combinations

comprises a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, palmitic acid,

having from about 16 to about 24 carbon atoms, and said alkyl groups comprise from

The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said fatty acid soap

The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said fatty acid soap

The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said fatty acid soap

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animal fats and vegetable fats.

1 85. The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said quantity is from

- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 86. The drilling fluid system of claim 79 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- 1 87. The drilling fluid system of claim 84 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 88. The drilling fluid system of claim 84 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- 1 89. The drilling fluid system of claim 79 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide.
- 1 90. The drilling fluid system of claim 89 where said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 91. The drilling fluid system of claim 89 wherein said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 92. The drilling fluid system of claim 89 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 93. The drilling fluid system of claim 84 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide.
- 1 94. The drilling fluid system of claim 93 where said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 95. The drilling fluid system of claim 93 wherein said one or more

- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 96. The drilling fluid system of claim 93 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 97. A drilling fluid system comprising a dispersion comprising at least one
- 2 fatty acid soap comprising stearate and at least one alkali metal having a valence of 1,
- 3 said fatty acid soap being dispersed in a continuous phase of said drilling fluid system
- 4 in a quantity effective to form a coherent lubricating film on metal surfaces exposed
- 5 to said dispersion.
- 1 98. The drilling fluid system of claim 97 wherein said alkali metal is
- 2 selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium,
- 3 and combinations thereof.
- 1 99. The drilling fluid system of claim 97 wherein said alkali metal are
- 2 selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, and combinations
- 3 thereof.
- 1 100. The drilling fluid system of claim 97 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 101. The drilling fluid system of claim 97 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- 1 102. The drilling fluid system of claim 99 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 103. The drilling fluid system of claim 99 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- 1 104. The drilling fluid system of claim 97 comprising one or more

- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide.
- 1 105. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 106. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 comprising said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 107. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 108. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 109. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 wherein said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 110. The drilling fluid system of claim 104 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 111. A drilling fluid system comprising a dispersion comprising lithium
- 2 stearate dispersed in a continuous phase of said drilling fluid system in a quantity
- 3 effective to form a coherent lubricating film on metal surfaces exposed to said
- 4 dispersion.
- 1 112. The drilling fluid system of claim 111 wherein said quantity is from
- 2 about 0.01 to about 10 vol.% of said drilling fluid system.
- 1 113. The drilling fluid system of claim 111 wherein said quantity is from

- 2 about 2 to about 5 vol.%.
- 1 114. The drilling fluid system of claim 111 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide.
- 1 115. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 116. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 comprising said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 117. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 118. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 comprising one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide alkyl alkane
- 3 sulfonate(s) and dialkyl acrylamides, and combinations thereof.
- 1 119. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 wherein said one or more
- 2 monomers comprising acrylamide comprise a combination of acrylamide methyl
- 3 propane sulfonate (AMPS), dimethyl acryamide (DMA), and combinations thereof.
- 1 120. The drilling fluid system of claim 114 comprising a combination of
- 2 acrylamide methyl propane sulfonate (AMPS) and dimethyl acryamide (DMA).
- 1 121. A method for prolonging life of drilling equipment comprising
- 2 exposing at least one metal surface of said drilling equipment to a dispersion
- 3 comprising a quantity of at least one fatty acid soap comprising at least one alkali
- 4 metal, said fatty acid soap being dispersed in a continuous phase of said fluid system,
- 5 said quantity being effective to produce a coherent lubricating film on said metal

- 6 surface.
- 1 122. The method of claim 121 wherein said fatty acid soap is lithium
- 2 stearate.